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Appl. No.: 10/553,188

Group Art Unit: 1794

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Examiner: James C. YAGER

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PIPE SLEEVES FROM MINERAL WOOD**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Commissioner:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following:

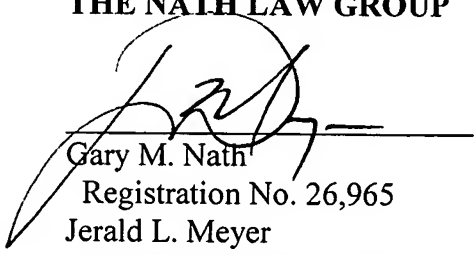
- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately requested, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of September 18, 2008. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire December 18, 2008. In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Request for Withdrawal of Final Status of Rejection under MPEP §706.07(a)** begins on page 6 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.